

The S.P.O.T. Express

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WHERE WE'VE BEEN & WHERE WE'RE GOING

With the passing of each year comes a time for reflection on the past and goal-setting for future. For Metro Animal Services (MAS), 2009 was one of our most productive years ever. The community produced a significant number of unwanted animals for us to care for: 15,394. Considering this great challenge, our dedicated staff and volunteers worked harder than ever to meet the needs of the animals and community. MAS adopted 2,553 animals into new homes, returned 1,444 animals to their owners, and sent 844 pets to other animal welfare and rescue groups. Our volunteers contributed 9,672 hours of their time, and our medical staff spayed and neutered 3,452 animals. The number that no one wants to talk about, euthanasia, was at an all time low of 53.7%. We are confident that with our new adoption facility and the consistent help of dedicated staff and volunteers, we can further improve all of these numbers by the end of 2010.

We are very excited about our new Adoption Facility. With its opening, we hope for a new focus on and understanding of the resource that MAS can be for the community. Our team of staff and volunteers is more motivated than ever to conquer the pet overpopulation problem in our community. Our Animal Control Officers are taking a more educational approach as they complete their service requests, and MAS will be poised to participate in more events in the community. We hope that everyone who reads this will continue to support our efforts to reach our goal of making Louisville the best city it can be for the animals and the people who share the community with them.

Donate to Metro Animal Services!

Your donation will help support and enhance programs that aren't covered by our general expenditures, such as The Spot Fund for our new state-of-the-art adoption campus, the animal care fund to enhance the lives of the animals in our shelter, and S.P.O.T., our low-cost, mobile spay and neuter clinic.

Click here to donate now!



THANK YOU!

During the holidays, MAS asked you to help us give our animals a holiday gift—new Kuranda beds. Thanks to you generosity, we far surpassed our goal! Thank you!

Our goals:
60 dog beds
20 cat beds

You gave us:
80 dog beds
29 cat beds

CALENDAR

Upcoming events

Jan. 22-24: adoptable animals at the Boat Show (KY Fair and Expo Center)

Jan. 30: volunteer orientation

Feb. 3: volunteer orientation

Feb. 12-14: PetSmart Adoptathon

Click [here](#) for more information on all of our upcoming events.

ADOPTION SPECIAL!

Adopt a new Cold Weather Companion to help keep you warm and cozy this winter!

Thru the end of January, MAS is offering discounted adoption prices. Adopt a pet this month and save \$60 off the adoption cost of any dog or puppy and \$30 off the adoption cost of any cat or kitten.

Click [here](#) for more information.

CALLING ALL PET-LOVING SHUTTERBUGS!

Grab your camera and your favorite furry friend! The Humane Society of the United States' Spay Day Photo Contest has begun. Metro Animal Services (MAS) can be designated as a recipient of funds raised from the nationwide contest. The online contest allows you to post pictures of your pet by going to www.humanesociety.org/photocontest. Then you and others can vote for your favorite. If posting a picture isn't your thing, you can still vote. Each vote for your pet costs just \$1, with the money going to support spay/neuter services provided by MAS. You can win prizes and raise lifesaving funds for spay/neuter programs by entering your pet's picture in the Spay Day 2010 Online Pet Photo Contest, which runs from January 20 to March 4, 2010.



MAS has participated in Spay Day USA for the past three years. We will reach out again to low income individuals and families to provide a limited number of first-come-first served spay/neuter services, free of charge. MAS spayed and neutered over 3,400 animals in 2009.

MAS SEEKS DEDICATED VOLUNTEERS

MAS needs volunteers to help with many things at our shelter, including: greeting visitors; helping potential adopters select one of our adoptable animals; answering phones and assisting with clerical duties; providing short-term foster homes to animals that have health or age related issues and to those awaiting transport to rescue groups; walking dogs and socializing animals; cleaning kennels and cages; writing descriptions for and taking pictures of animals for Petfinder; washing dishes and doing laundry.

If you are interested in helping with any of these tasks as a volunteer for at least four hours per week for a minimum of six months, please call our Volunteer Coordinator at (502) 574-5556 to RSVP for an orientation. Upcoming orientation dates are: Sat. Jan. 30 at noon, Wed. Feb. 3 at 4pm, Sat. Feb 13 at noon, Wed. Feb. 17 at 4pm, and Sat. Feb. 27 at noon. More information can be found [here](#).

THERE'S NO PLACE LIKE HOME

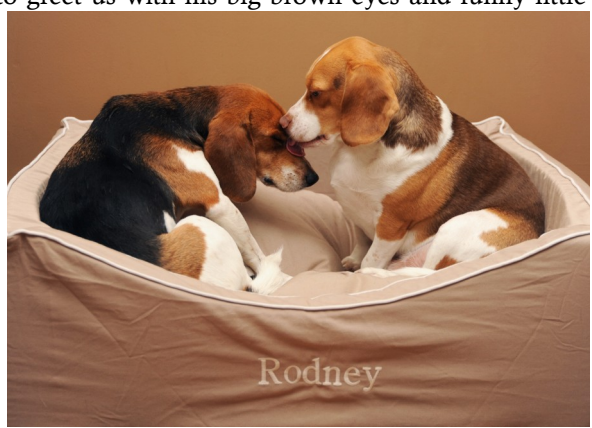
Dear MAS,

We adopted a beagle named Wooster in September 2009. We have since renamed him Rodney. Rodney is super sweet and brings us much happiness. He is always so happy to greet us with his big brown eyes and funny little wiggle. How could you not love that face! He loves his new brother Scooter and they are inseparable. They spend their days together playing chase, taking long walks and napping side by side in their warm, cozy beds.

Rodney has the beautiful beagle howl and always delights us with it when we arrive home from a long, hard day at work. He certainly has us wrapped around his little paws as we love to give him many hugs and treats.

It is an honor to adopt such a beautiful dog. We know Rodney had been at the shelter for a long time and we truly feel his appreciation in finally finding a home. We just wanted to thank everyone who cared for Rodney during his transition from shelter to foster care to his forever home.

Many thanks,
Marion and Larry Whelan



Rodney, pictured on the left, getting kisses from his brother Scooter.

COLD WEATHER SAFETY TIPS

1 Limit your pets' time outdoors, and consider getting a sweater or jacket to help protect them from the cold (especially important for short-haired breeds, puppies or kittens, and senior pets—these animals are more sensitive to cold temperatures).

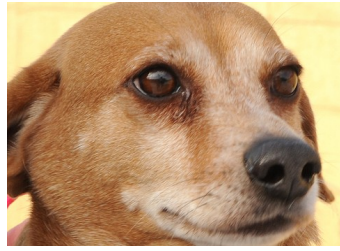
2 No pet should be left outside when the temperature dips below freezing! Bringing them in the house or garage can save your pet's life.

3 If you must leave your pet outdoors in the cold, make sure it has access to fresh, unfrozen water and a dry, draft-free shelter or dog house. Be sure the floor is several inches off of the ground and cover it with straw or cedar shavings. Cover the door with heavy plastic or other waterproof material.

4 Antifreeze is deadly and animals are attracted by its sweet scent! Clean up all antifreeze spills immediately.

5 Salt and other de-icers can cause stomach upset and burning paws. Always wash your pets paws after time spent outdoors, and opt for pet-safe de-icers for your home or business.

PET PERSONALS



Hi, I'm Jagger and I'm five years old. I'm a small beagle mix, around 35 pounds. My biggest wish is to have a family of my very own. I absolutely love it when I get to interact with volunteers at MAS on walks and in the exercise yard; getting and giving kisses is my favorite thing to do, I never get tired of it! I'm also a pretty smart guy, and the volunteers say I have a funny, goofy personality. I like to play and climb on the agility equipment in the play yard at MAS, but I can never get too distracted to come back for more kisses and pets! I need a family who understands my need for love and affection and who will be there to give it. Could that be your family? When you come to meet me at the MAS shelter, I really hope I'll get to go home with you! Be sure to have my Pet ID # 368120 with you when you visit, call, or email.

Meow... my name is Sunny, which is a great way to describe my personality! I'm a very pretty orange tiger stripe with white patches and medium length hair. I'm 18-months-old, so while I've gotten over many of the mischievous kitten behaviors, I'm still very playful. I love to be around people and am happy to be petted and receive affection. I get along with other cats, thought I can sometimes be bossy with them. My caretakers at MAS think that's just because I'm anxious to get into my forever home, and that once I adjust to other cats in my new home I will be just fine with them and enjoy their company. I'm really looking forward to going home with my new family—could you make me the newest addition to your home? Please come to meet me at the PetSmart on South Hurstbourne Lane and find out! You can also call or email MAS for more information about me; be sure to have my Pet ID# 398751 when you do.



UPDATE ON PREVIOUSLY FEATURED PETS: Great news! Our featured pets from last month, Bobble and KiKi, were adopted into their forever homes—just in time for the holidays!

CHECK OUT ALL OF OUR ADOPTABLE PETS HERE!

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